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SUBJECT: GHANA: 1996 ANNUAL TERRORISM REPORT

REF(S): STATE 223177

THE FOLLOWING RESPONSES ARE FORMATTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
PARAGRAPH 3 OF REFTEL:

1A. THERE HAVE BEEN NO HOST GOVERNMENT PROSECUTIONS
INVOLVING INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM OR SIGNIFICANT ACTS OF
DOMESTIC TERRORISM IN 1996.

1B. THE HOST GOVERNMENT DID NOT EXTRADITE OR REQUEST THE
EXTRADITION OF ANY SUSPECTED TERRORISTS IN 1996.

1C. THE US AND GHANA DO NOT HAVE AN EXTRADITION TREATY.
HOWEVER, EXTRADITION IS POSSIBLE UNDER GHANAIAN LAW.

1D. THERE HAVE BEEN NO SIGNIFICANT PUBLIC STATEMENTS OR
INVESTIGATIONS IN 1996.

1E. THERE HAVE BEEN NO MAJOR COUNTERTERRORISM EFFORTS
UNDERTAKEN.

1F. THE GOVERNMENT OF GHANA HAS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS
WITH LIBYA, IRAN AND CUBA. WITHIN THE PAST YEAR THE
GOVERNMENT OF IRAN HAS ESTABLISHED ABOUT A DOZEN ISLAMIC
HEALTH CLINICS IN GHANA. THERE HAS BEEN A WIDESPREAD
PERCEPTION OF ARAB AMBASSADORS ASSIGNED TO GHANA THAT
THESE CLINICS ARE ACTUALLY TRAINING FACILITIES FOR
TERRORISM OR THE EXPORT OF ISLAMIC FUNDAMENTALISM.
THESE PERCEPTIONS HAVE BEEN VOICED DIRECTLY TO
AMBASSADOR BRYNN. TO DATE WE HAVE SEEN NO EVIDENCE TO
CONFIRM THESE OPINIONS. HOWEVER, THESE SUSPICIONS MERIT
FURTHER INVESTIGATION.

1G. IN SEPTEMBER 1996, DURING THE RECENT CRISIS IN IRAQ,
PRESIDENT RAWLINGS MADE A VERY PUBLIC TRIP TO LIBYA AND
MET WITH COL. AL-QADHDHAFI. ALTHOUGH THE PRESIDENT MADE
NO SPECIFIC STATEMENTS ON IRAQ OR TERRORISM, HIS TIMING
WAS SEEN AS INAPPROPRIATE.

1H. THERE HAS BEEN NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE SINCE 1995 IN
THE HOST GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE TOWARD TERRORISM.

1I. THERE HAVE BEEN NO U.S. COUNTERTERRORISM EFFORTS OR
INITIATIVES WITH RESPECT TO GHANA.

1J. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS NOT SOUGHT COOPERATION FROM
GHANA DURING THE PAST FIVE YEARS IN THE INVESTIGATION OR
PROSECUTION OF ANY ACT OF TERRORISM.

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